SWELL
Elevating LGBT Literature

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FICTION CONTEST NOW OPEN!

SWELL, a quarterly online journal of original writing focusing on LGBT themes, is pleased to sponsor a fiction contest. The electronic publishing arm of NewTown Writers, a Chicago-based writers salon, SWELL (www.swellzine.com) aims to reach beyond the traditional boundaries of the printed word, exploring the limits of form, structure, and content, while giving a voice to emerging writers.

Prizes Awarded:
First Prize: $250
Second Prize: $100
Third Prize: $50

Submission Guidelines:
• The contest is open to LGBT writers and their allies.
• Submit only unpublished, well-crafted stories that relate to SWELL’s mission of fostering the evolution of LGBT literature.
• In addition to first through third prizes, three finalists will also be named. Winners and Finalists will be published in SWELL.
• All pieces entered will also be considered for SWELL’s sister print publication, OFF THE ROCKS.
• Entries will be accepted electronically between May 15, 2008 and September 30, 2008. Submissions will only be accepted via email.
• Winners will be announced in January 2009.
• An $8 reading fee is charged for each submission. Fees are payable through PayPal. See the entry page for more information.
• Members of NewTown Writers are not eligible to win.
• The contest will be judged by SWELL’s editors.

Formatting Guidelines:
• Only Microsoft Word documents will be accepted
• Entries must not exceed 5,000 words
• Entries must be typed in a standard 12-point font
• Side margins must be one inch
• Paragraphs must be double-spaced
• All pages must be numbered
• Include author contact information on a cover page—name, address, telephone number and email address

*Please Note: Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be read*

To Enter:
• Visit http://www.newtownwriters.org/Fiction.html (click for link)
• Multiple submissions are welcome, however, each entry must be submitted separately.
• Simultaneous submissions are accepted, however, if your piece is accepted for publication elsewhere, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing newtownwriters@yahoo.com.

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